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In Re Patent Application of  
**Blair, et. al.**

Group Art Unit: **3626**

Serial No. **09/738,023**

Atty. Dkt: **1-STEP SURETY SYSTEM**

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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ISSUING INSURANCE UNDERWRITING  
INSTRUMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir(s):

A response to the Office Action purportedly mailed December 5, 2005 in the above-identified patent application was due June 5, 2006. The subject application has purportedly become abandoned for lack of response to the December 5, 2005 Office action. A petition for a revival of an unintentionally abandoned patent application, a request for three-month extension of time to respond to the December 5, 2005 Office action, and a request for continued examination (RCE) are being filed concurrently herewith. Should there be any fees due and owing with respect to this response, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3208.

Reconsideration of the application in view of this paper is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of Claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Applicants' Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this paper.

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